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Applicant(s): John E. Carlson, et al. Examiner: Michael H. Thaler

Serial No.: 09/994,980 Group: Art Unit 3731

Filed: November 27, 2001 Dated: September 7, 2005

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ESTABLISHING VASCULAR ACCESS

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

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Respectfully submitted,



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AMENDMENT "C"

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 7, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

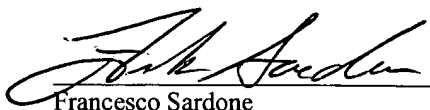
Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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